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Loyalists in Cape Colony Ask Statement to Stop Mischievous Agitation

Cape Dutch Mission to England -- Rank Treachery by Raising Boers.

Capetown, March 7.—A general movement is in progress among the Cape Dutch to obtain a settlement of the South African question consistent with the maintenance of the independence of the republics. It is doubtless argued that the Dutch having remained loyal are entitled to a hearing at the settlement.

The argument would have more force if the Dutch had not risen in every district where there was reasonable chance of success, and it is certain that the whole British community and the actively loyal Dutch are opposed to any settlement short of annexation.

A proposal has been made by a deputation of the Dutch party to visit England shortly in the interest of peace.

London, March 7.—The second edition of the Times this morning contains a despatch from Capetown which says there is a crying need for an explicit statement by the British ministry that nothing short of annexation is intended, in order to damp the mischievous agitation that is going on under the pretext of a demand for peace.

Capetown, March 7.—An official notification has been issued that the Queenstown proclamation of February 22, regarding certain terms offered the rebels by Gen. Brabant in the event of their surrendering, has been withdrawn. Those in arms against England may return to their farms upon surrendering their weapons and receiving a pass, but they are liable to be called to account later on.

The Arundel column has been largely reinforced.

An undated telegram from Colesberg says that the Australian regiment has been honored by a visit from Lord Kitchener.

STRANDING OF CALIFORNIAN.

Court of Inquiry Finds Master and Pilot to Certain Extent Blameworthy.

Portland, Maine, March 7.—The court of inquiry which has been considering the stranding of the Allan line steamer Californian on Ram Island, near Portland harbor, two weeks ago, to-day made public its decision, which is to the effect that while the master committed an error of judgment it was not sufficient to justify the suspension of his certificate.

The error was in not making sufficient allowance for the combined action of the tide, wind and sea. The court finds that the pilot should not have left the vessel when he did and commends the officers and crew of the Californian for their conduct after the accident.

The court of inquiry was made up of British Vice-Consul Keating, Captain Robinson of the Tyndall and Captain Hughes of the King Edgar. Captain France of the Californian testified that the pilot, Capt. Parsons, did not go out as far as is customary, because the sea was so rough that he was afraid he could not get back. Capt. France offered to carry him to Halifax, but the pilot decided to return. After the pilot left, Capt. France consulted his charts and twice changed the course of his vessel before she struck.

The testimony of the other officers agreed with that of Capt. France, and the story of Pilot Parsons was not different from that of the others. In concluding its decision the court of inquiry says: "The court, considering that culpable conduct attaches to Capt. France, orders that the costs of the court be paid by the British vice-consul on account of the board of trade."

LODGE ON THE PHILIPPINES.

The Senator Has Made a Great Speech to Some Effect Not Stated.

Washington, March 7.—The announcement that Senator Lodge would deliver a speech on the Philippine question drew to the senate every senator now in the city and to the galleries an unusually large number of auditors. Mr. Lodge is chairman of the Philippine committee and a prominent member of the committee on foreign relations and has studied the Philippines exhaustively. He was expected to present an able addition to the literature of the great problem which now confronts congress, and the American people, and neither his colleagues in the senate nor his other auditors were disappointed in his address. He was overwhelmed with congratulations from both sides of the chamber.

WOMEN AND UNIVERSITIES.

Berlin, March 7.—The reichstag to-day, on the recommendation of a special committee, declined to consider the petitions for the admission of women to matriculation in universities and to undergo state examinations.

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Boers in Full Flight Before Roberts.

Horsemen Under French Surprised Them on the Flank and They Fled in Panic Leaving a Gun and Supplies.

Cunningly Devised Entrenchments Made of No Avail by Tactics of the Swiftly Moving British Cavalry and Horse Artillery.

Pursuit Now in Progress With Prospect That Another Army May Be Rounded Up—Roberts' Main Force Makes Advance Unopposed.

Osfontein, March 7.—Lord Roberts' forces advanced early this morning. French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who fled incontinently, leaving a gun, immense quantities of forage and their tents. He is in pursuit. The Boers on the north bank are also evacuating the position.

London, March 7.—(Midnight)—The war office has just published the following advice from Lord Roberts:

"Poplar Grove, March 7.—(Evening)—We had a successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat.

"The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged with a second line of entrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a day attack been made.

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and artillery horses are much done up. The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which as usual did excellent work, and Gen. French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy.

"Our casualties were about 50. I regret to say that Lieut. Keswick was killed and Lieut. Bailey was severely wounded, both of them with the Lancers. Lieut. Despresigny of the Second Life Guards was severely wounded. The remaining casualties will be telegraphed to-morrow.

"Generals Dewet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

The following despatch had been previously received from Lord Roberts:

Osfontein, March 7.—(4.20 p. m.)—Our operations to-day promise to be a great success.

"The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of the Modder river. I placed Gen. Colville's division on the north bank, and Generals Kelly-Kenny and Tucker's divisions, with cavalry, on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in bearing back the enemy's flank, opening a road for the Sixth Division, which is advancing, without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the present time.

"The enemy are in full retreat towards the north and east. They are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's Seventh Division, Colville's Ninth Division and the Guards Brigade, under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplar's Drift, where I propose to place my headquarters this evening.

"Our casualties will, I trust, be few, as the enemy was quite unprepared for being attacked by the flank and having their communications with Bloemfontein threatened."

THE POLITICIANS WORRIED.

No Room for Liberals or Conservatives with Mr. Martin in the Field.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 7.—A joint meeting of the executives of the senior and junior Liberal-Conservative associations of Vancouver has declared for party lines.

The four Vancouver members of the executive of the Provincial Liberal Association which meets in Victoria to-morrow, are opposed to party lines and say the executive will no doubt recommend no party lines.

Sir J. H. Tupper said to-day that he was still of the opinion that Liberals and Conservatives should form not a coalition but a combination against Martin and which ever party predominated at the end of the election, the party predominating might rule.

J. I. Seckler said, that though a Liberal and in spite of the fact that the Conservatives had challenged the Liberals to a contest, he would feel it his duty to vote for a Conservative rather than for Mr. Martin.

James McQueen said he had believed in party politics from the earliest of his life, but he was afraid that Mr. Martin's personality prevented party lines being adopted in the coming campaign.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Reported Sale of White Pass Copper—Accident at Hastings Mill—Longshoremen's Strike.

From our own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 7.—J. Loan was so badly injured at the Hastings mill to-day, by being caught in the machinery that he will die.

An attempt was made to collect the poll tax from the crew of the S.S. Queen, who were spooling the longshoremen's strike by loading freight for the Pacific Coast S.S. Co. Police Magistrate Russell decided it could not be done.

The Empire a financial paper of great weight in England, states that the big White Pass copper claims owned by 20 British Columbians mostly resident in Vancouver, have been sold by Mr. Hinde Bowker, manager of the British American Corporation, to the Rothschilds for \$2,000,000. The Vancouver owners are jubilant.

Fred. Buecombe is president of the board of trade for 1900.

THE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Shamrocks Make the Crescents of Halifax Sorry for Their Challenge.

Montreal, March 7.—The Shamrock hockey team have had no difficulty in holding the Stanley cup against the challenge of the Crescents of Halifax. On Monday they won the first match by 10 to 2, to-night they defeated the challengers by 11 goals to nothing. The Shamrocks were so incomparably superior to their antagonists in every respect that the match was farcical.

BULLER TO HIS TROOPS.

Ladysmith Garrison and Relieving Column an Honor to Their Country

Durban, March 6.—Gen. Buller, in a general order regarding the relief of Ladysmith, says:

"The two forces during the last few months have striven with conspicuous gallantry and splendid determination, and are an honor to the Queen and the country.

"The Ladysmith garrison for four months held that position against every attack with complete success, and endured many privations with admirable fortitude.

"The relieving force had to force its way through an unknown country, across unfordable rivers and on almost inaccessible heights face a fully prepared, well armed and tenacious enemy. By the exhibition of the truest courage, the most unflinching bravery and the most brilliant fighting, accomplished its object and added a glorious page to the history of the country.

"Ladysmith was successfully held and relieved, and the sailors and soldiers, colonial and home-born, who had done this were united by one desire and inspired by one patriotism."

The order congratulates both forces on the material qualities displayed, and thanks them for their determined effort. Gen. Buller also sympathizes with the relatives and friends of the gallant comrades who have fallen.

MAKING ANOTHER STAND.

London, March 7.—It is reported that Gen. Buller has pushed forward along the Harrismith railroad line towards Van Reenan's Pass, using the railroad freely for communications. It appears that the Boers intend to take up a strong position in the Biggarsberg range and contest the Glencoe passes, although it hardly seems likely that Gen. Buller will attempt to force these for the present. But his plans are kept almost as secret as those of Gen. Roberts.

BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

Another list of casualties sustained by Gen. Buller's forces from February 14 to February 27 shows: Killed, 123; wounded, 573; missing, 54.

Of these the losses of Inniskillings were as follows: Killed, 54; wounded, 162; missing, 22.

Dublin Fusiliers—Killed, 15; wounded 97; missing, 15.

Connaught Rangers—Killed, 19; wounded, 105; missing, 8.

Royal Irish Fusiliers—Killed, 11; wounded, 63; missing, 2.

Scots Fusiliers—Killed, 18; wounded, 68; missing, none.

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Cronje Goes To St Helena

Boer Prisoners Will Be Held There Until the End of the War.

A Stand Up Fight With Roberts Would Help to Hasten the End.

London, March 8.—4 a.m.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Ofontein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, 14 miles eastward. By an exposition of the elementary principle of strategy the Boer positions 15 miles long have been flanked and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion consequent upon hasty withdrawal. Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry, or the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out infantry estimated, from the commands named, at 30,000 men, and sent 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer centre and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

STRENGTH OF THE FORCES

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The Daily Mail's representative thinks the Boer force does not exceed 10,000. The Daily News man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from observers at headquarters it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 15,000 immediately available, as the Guards Brigade reached him from Lord Methuen on Tuesday. Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local force at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that the enemy had to abandon a gun, much forage and large quantities of camp equipment.

DECISIVE BATTLE WANTED.

The Standard cautions Englishmen against rising to a height of serene contentment which the actual position does not justify and thus misjudge the situation. Large number of the Boers are still in the field. They have a wide range of country over which they can operate. Although their morale is somewhat damaged, it would be too much to say that they will not stand and fight. Indeed, what we want them to do is to stand again, for it is only in a real stand-up fight that we can inflict those losses which would eventually lead the defeated to sue for peace. Lord Roberts has gained a success, but it must not be regarded as a signal victory until we know what damage has been inflicted and what prisoners have been taken.

The Dutch risings in the northwestern districts of Cape Colony are the only clouds visible in the sky of British prospects.

ORDERED TO ST. HELENA.

The military authorities have decided that Gen. Cronje and other prisoners should be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war. Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, colonel of militia at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which will leave on Monday. The cable communication with Capetown and London. It is also asserted that the cabinet resolved neither to propose nor to entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

A CRITIC AND PROPHET.

London, March 8.—Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post, says: Yesterday's events are not quite conclusive. It can be said the Boer campaign to be beaten in detail. Their only chance is to collect the bulk of their forces for a decisive battle. If they have not men or spirit to stand up to Lord Roberts, their case is hopeless. It begins to look indeed as if my original estimate of the strength of the enemy's forces—about 50,000—was not far wrong. In that case the game is up, for they must have lost 10,000 or more of the original 50,000. The escape of the Boer force yesterday, however, is most disappointing. A good general is not satisfied with the retreat of his enemy. He wishes to destroy them.

STEYN'S VALOROUS PART.

Predicts Dire Events in Transvaal and Withdraws There From His Own Capital.

London, March 8.—Mr. A. G. Hales, the correspondent of the Daily News, who was captured by the Boers February 9 and released a few days ago at Bloemfontein, telegraphing from Sterkfontein Tuesday says:

"While I was a prisoner at Bloemfontein I had an interesting interview with President Steyn. He said the burghers were determined to fight to the last man, and that the struggle in the Free State will be child's play compared with what would follow in the Transvaal. President Steyn predicted that the capitulation of Pretoria would be preceded by events which would astonish Europe."

"He appointed a deputy president to remain at Bloemfontein during his absence at Pretoria in the interest of the Free State."

INFESTED WITH SMALLPOX.

Disease in Most Lethal and Virulent Form Discovered in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., March 7.—An appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood in Hinds county is revealed. The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox in most virulent and lethal form and during the past six months nearly one hundred deaths have occurred.

On some days the rate has been so large that it was impossible to secure coffins and rude caskets were made from rails. Whole families have been wiped out of existence and of several large families only one or two children are left.

Many of the patients are now in a critical condition without medical attention, and they are dying at the rate of from three to five per day. The entire portion of the county is demoralized.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Cabinet Representation Evidently No Nearer—Pacific Cable Prospects Not Bright.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 7.—In the House of Commons to-day Col. Prior asked again if it is the intention of the government to give cabinet representation to British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, declined to state the government's intention.

Recruiting for the Mounted Police is to commence at all points.

The Canadians wounded in South Africa are doing well.

Lord Minto reviewed Stratheona's Horse to-day. The people of Sudbury presented a beautiful flag. Sir Charles Tupper and Dr. Borden made excellent speeches.

An interesting discussion on the Pacific cable question took place in the house to-day. Mr. Mulock read a recent message from the Australian governments showing a disposition in some of the colonies to grant concessions to the Eastern Extension Company. Mr. Mulock said the position of affairs is critical.

When Buller Drove Boers

Natal Collieries Were Fired as Their Crowning Act of Vandalism.

Biggarsburg, Boer Camp, March 3.—The Federals have fallen back on the Biggarsburg chain, crossing Natal south of Dundee. The retreat from Ladysmith was due to the mistake of a certain commandant in ordering his men to retire from the key of the position, without any reasons for the movement.

On receipt of the bad news from Modder River on Wednesday, it was resolved to send the wagons back to Biggarsburg, and soon long strings of ox-wagons lined the road. Over a thousand wagons took the westerly route to the larger southwest of Ladysmith.

Another convoy was sent to the foot of the Drakensberg. A large number of tents captured from the British at Dundee and also the ammunition were abandoned as worthless.

The chief difficulty was in dismounting "Long Tom."

Boer Camp, Biggarsburg, Saturday, March 3.—The Boers were independent of the railway, as is shown by the fact that none of their 2,000 wagons went by rail. All travelled by road, together with the field batteries. Only the heavy guns, the infantry and wounded men went by rail.

When the last train had left Elands-laagte a workmen's train followed, carefully blowing up every bridge and culvert between Ladysmith and Glencairn, and then to the Elands-laagte collieries.

Thus the British, with Natal's southernmost collieries in their hands, were unable to draw supplies therefrom. Under cover of the night and with the collieries sending lurid flames to heaven, the Boer wagons wound over the hills, making roads where none before existed, and the four months' siege of Ladysmith was raised.

It is impossible as yet to give the burgher casualties, owing to the disorderly state of the ambulance and other circumstances of the retreat.

The preliminary objections in the St. Boniface election case were over-ruled to-day.

Premier Macdonald and all the ministers are absent in Beautiful Plains constituency taking part in the bye-election in which polling takes place on Saturday.

CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE. Secretary Makes Report Giving Provincial Estimates of Last Year's Production.

Montreal, March 7.—(Special)—The Canadian Mining Institute was convened in annual session this morning, under the presidency of George E. Drummond. The sum of \$250 was voted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and certain amendments affecting the membership of the organization were introduced.

The secretary read detailed reports from the various provinces, which in substance showed the total mineral production for the past year to be approximately \$18,000,000 from Yukon; \$12,000,000 from British Columbia; \$25,000,000 from Ontario; \$3,000,000 from Quebec; and \$8,000,000 from Nova Scotia, or nearly \$50,000,000 in all, as compared with \$38,000,000 last year.

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COLLEGE BOYS SUBDUED. And in Evidence They May Be Paraded in Honor of Stratheona's Horse.

Montreal, March 7.—(Special)—There are still some reports of student trouble over the relief of Ladysmith, but possibly the little misunderstanding may soon be smoothed over, for the Mayor made an announcement this morning that he had been asked by certain gentlemen connected with Laval and McGill to suggest to the principals of those institutions that the students in both instances take part in the Stratheona Horse parade on Monday afternoon next.

Mayor Prefontaine also said he was preparing a proclamation of Monday afternoon as a public holiday, so that citizens could see and take part in the parade.

THE CANADIAN ARTILLERY. Capetown, March 7.—The remainder of the Canadian artillery has gone to the front.

The Queen and The People

Her Majesty Drives in State Making a Gala Day in London.

Proposed Visit to Ireland Striking Instance of Devotion to Duty.

London, March 7.—At no other time since the Diamond Jubilee has the Queen been so conspicuous an object in the public mind as she is to-night. This promises to be even more strikingly the case to-morrow. For Her Majesty to visit London for a drive in semi-state from Paddington Station to Buckingham Palace would be sufficient in itself to create great public manifestations of loyalty, but the announcement this evening that for the first time since the Jubilee she will drive to-morrow from Buckingham Palace along the embankment to St. Paul's Cathedral and back through Holborn and Piccadilly to St. James, synchronizing with the new success of Lord Roberts, is bound to make to-morrow a gala day in the annals of London.

Beyond all this is the announcement of the Queen's intention to visit Ireland, for the first time it is said since the death of the Prince Consort. This is regarded as one of the most remarkable acts of the Queen's life. No minister of the crown has ever dared to suggest such a remarkable deviation from the regular routine of duty. The trip, said a well informed official this evening, "is the spontaneous suggestion of the Queen alone, and the enthusiasm it is bound to create when known in London to-morrow can scarcely be estimated. It is a wonderful proof of her devotion to her duty, and at such a season of the year is renewed evidence of the keenness of her mind in selecting the proper act at the proper time."

ACROSS TRANSVAAL LINE. Flying Column From Zululand the Forerunners of the British Invasion.

London, March 7.—1:16 p.m.—A special despatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops, from Zululand, has entered the Transvaal and will be daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers. The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, all commanded by Major Prendergast.

The first column crossed the border on February 26. It now occupies an entrenched position at Catons Hill, nine miles within the Transvaal.

COLONIES AND WAR LOAN. Timothy Healy to Move That They Should Contribute Money as Well as Men.

London, March 7.—In the House of Commons to-day, on the passing of the first reading of the loan bill of £35,000,000, Mr. Timothy Healy, Nationalist, gave notice that he would move an amendment at the second reading of the bill extending the measure so that all the self-governing colonies, "who were so keen in contributing men, would also bear the burden of the war loan."

THE PLAGUE AT CALCUTTA. Four Hundred Deaths Last Week and Merchants Becoming Alarmed.

Calcutta, March 7.—The bubonic plague increases, there being 411 deaths from the disease here last week. This is causing a great exodus of merchants.

The victory, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, addressing some of the plague-stricken patients, said he considered it his duty to visit all the quarters of the vast dependencies committed to his charge.

A FISHERIES ENTERPRISE. New York, March 7.—The American Fisheries Company, it was learned to-day, according to the Evening Post, has gone into a voluntary receivership in order to reorganize and reduce the capital to a more suitable figure than the \$2,000,000 preferred and the \$8,000,000 common now outstanding. The preferred is paid up while the common represents patents for fish phosphates. The reduction by the by-laws could not be made without the consent of the preferred shareholders, the by-laws being drawn in the interest of the original owners of the patents. Consequently the receivership was decided on. The receivers are Thomas Russell and Chas. B. Hobbs.

THE SAPHIRO APPEAL. New York, March 7.—The counsel for Olga Nethersole, the actress, Marcus Meyer, Hamilton Revelle and Theo. Moss, all of whom had been held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Abbott for trial in special sessions for the production of the play Saphiro appeared before Justice Fursman in the criminal term of the supreme court to-day and argued a motion for the removal of the case to general session to be tried by a jury. Justice Fursman took the papers and said he would hand down his decision soon.

SADDLES FOR AFRICA. Binghampton, N. Y., March 7.—Local business to-day showed a striking example of a large consignment of saddle cloths and panels, to be used by the British army in South Africa. Two additional orders have been received, one for 2,000 panels for saddle trapping, and the other for 5,000 saddles for artillery regiments.

ASTHMA. Mrs. George Budden, Putnamville, Ont., says: "I feel it my duty to recommend Dr. Chase's Srup of Linseed and Turpentine as I had the Asthma very bad; could get nothing to do me any good. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it and it proved successful. I tried it and it cured me. I am thankful to-day to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents."

THE CANADIAN ARTILLERY. Capetown, March 7.—The remainder of the Canadian artillery has gone to the front.

HORSEMEN ESCAPE.

But One of Three Squadrons Made Prisoners and Sent to Pretoria.

Capetown, March 7.—Squadrons "A" and "B" of Kitchen's Horse, that were reported missing, have returned to camp. They were cut off with Squadron "E" but escaped although they lost their way afterward on the route. Squadron "E" are prisoners at Pretoria.

ACCLIMATION IN SLIGO.

London, March 7.—At the election to-day for a member of parliament to fill the seat for the North Division of Sligo vacated by Mr. Bernard Colville, Nationalist, retired, Mr. John O'Dowd, Nationalist, was elected without opposition.

CARGO NOT DAMAGED.

London, March 7.—The British steamer Abena, Capt. Ayers, before reported arriving at Bremen from Charleston with a leak in a bulkhead, has not sustained any considerable amount of damage to the lower tiers of cargo.

CHAMPION ICE SKATER.

Pittsburg, March 7.—At Duquesne Garden to-night John Nielsen, champion ice skater of the world, lowered the indoor record made by Baptie recently by skating a mile in 2:45½ on the Duquesne official mile-track. Baptie's mark was 2:55½.

VERY FEW PEOPLE

Are Free From Some Form of Indigestion.

Very few people are free from some form of indigestion, and severely two will have the same symptoms. Some suffer most directly after eating, bloating from gas in stomach and bowels, others have heart-burn or sour risings, still others have palpitation of heart, headaches, sleeplessness, pains in chest and under shoulder-blades, some have extreme nervousness, as in nervous dyspepsia.

But whatever the symptoms may be, the cause in all cases of indigestion is the same—that is, the stomach is unable to digest properly and promptly digest what is eaten.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for a license as a Licensing Commission, for a transfer to Alexis Zlokovic, by reason for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situated on the corner of Wharf and Johnson streets, Victoria City, known as the Occidental Hotel. Dated this 6th day of March, 1900. WALTER PORTER. mrs

NOTICE.

Pursuant to a requisition presented to me to-day notice is hereby given that a meeting of the

Liberal-Conservative Association will be held in the Pioneer Hall, on Friday the 9th instant, at 8 p.m.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN, President.

In The Goods Of Matthew Francis

DECEASED.

All persons indebted to the estate of the deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before the 15th March, 1900.

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Aldermen in Special Session

Last Night's Meeting Taken Up With a Discussion of the Estimates.

The Sorby Scheme Bobs Up Serenely But No Action Was Taken.

Considerable progress was made with the estimates at yesterday evening's meeting of the board of aldermen, and they will be finally dealt with at the next sitting of the council.

Just previous to adjournment Ald. Bryden brought up the question of the voting of \$1,600 for the purpose of making borings in connection with the Sorby harbor scheme and a lively discussion ensued, but no action was taken.

There were present, His Worship Mayor Hayward and a full board.

Before proceeding with the consideration of the estimates City Engineer Topp handed in a letter from Major Dupont, in which the writer outlined a plan for drainage on Stadacona avenue. The city engineer explained that he estimated the probable cost of the drain improvements suggested at \$500. After some discussion the engineer was instructed to proceed with the work.

Ald. Williams directed attention also to the condition of the drains at the head of Meares street.

The council then went into committee on the estimates. Coming to the items for the police department it was decided not to incur the expense of providing a patrol wagon but a vote of \$50 was made for back and express hire. The item in the preliminary draft making an appropriation of \$600 for repairs to the old Deluge fire engine was struck out. The vote for fire apparatus for Victoria West was cut down from \$4,000, as proposed, to \$3,000. An item of \$4,300 for a new fire hall in Victoria West was passed.

Discussing the items for coal for the different departments, Ald. Beckwith directed attention to the advisability of calling for tenders for coal as is the case with other supplies. This matter will be discussed later.

A sum of \$250 is included in the amount decided upon for advertising—\$3,000—for the purpose of purchasing 2,000 copies of the City Directory, containing views and a write-up of Victoria.

The sum of \$3,000 for investigating the Sorby scheme was allowed to stand.

In regard to the item of \$500 for band concerts at Beacon Hill, Ald. Beckwith moved a protest against it being voted, but it passed, Ald. Kinsman observing that if the city had \$3,000 to throw away on the Sorby harbor scheme he had nothing to say against the appropriation for the concerts.

Discussing the item of the appropriation for the maintenance of the lighthouse at Darcy Island, Ald. Williams and Beckwith made a vigorous protest against the apathy of the city in not insisting that the Dominion government should support the lighthouse. The item finally passed, however.

The estimates being laid over Ald. Williams suggested that the mayor and aldermen should pass a vote of condolence with ex-Mayor Redfern in the bereavement he has suffered in the death of his mother, and that the council should attend the funeral in a body. This was decided upon.

Ald. Bryden then brought up the question of making an appropriation for borings in the harbor in connection with the Sorby harbor scheme and wanted to move a motion to the effect that in the opinion of the council the sum should be voted at once.

The mayor said the sub-committee were still busy looking into the matter and as the scheme had been very seriously attacked, it would in his opinion be unwise to go any further until more information was at hand.

This brought Ald. Beckwith to his feet and he indulged in a lengthy defence of the project. In his opinion no evidence had been submitted in support of the scheme, and he expressed his opinion that he had suggested that the sub-committee get together and make an independent inquiry into Mr. Sorby's figures, but this had not been done.

Ald. Yates was in favor of the money for the borings being voted. Mr. Harris who made preparations to do the work must be paid in any event.

Ald. Bryden attempted to put his motion, but the mayor ruled it out of order.

Ald. Bryden retorted that the mayor must not dictate to the council.

Mayor Hayward contended that notice was certainly necessary before the council could deal properly with such important business.

Ald. Kinsman expressed the opinion that Victoria was not in favor of the scheme any more and that it was down to-morrow if put before the people.

Some considerable discussion ensued, but the council finally adjourned without taking any action in the matter.

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Finance and Commerce

New York, March 7.—Professional bear operators suspended their campaign for a decline in the stock market to-day. The bull contingent on the other and were hampered by the continually closer conditions in the money market and by the determined indifference of the outside public. In consequence dealings on the exchange approached a point of stagnation and the movement of prices was entirely without significance. Closing quotations:

Ann. Cot. Oil	32 3/4
Ann. Tob.	100 3/4
Ann. Sugar	98 1/4
Ann. Cane	40 1/4
Ann. Cane	40 1/4
A. S. & W. F. all paid	54 1/2
B. & O. W.	62 1/2
B. R. T.	60 1/2
Can. Sou.	40
C. & O.	28 1/2
C. S. & A. P.	12 1/2
Chicago Gas	12 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	107
C. M. & St. P.	121
Con. Tob. com.	29
Con. Gas, N. Y.	17 1/2
D. S. & A. P.	34
Fed. Steel	51
Gen. Elec.	120 1/2
Jersey Central	115 1/2
L. & N.	81 1/2
Man. Elev.	35
Mo. Pac.	105 1/2
Met. Trac.	17 1/2
Nor. Pac. com. new	52 1/2
N. Y. C. & H.	133 1/2
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pd.	37 1/2
N. Y. L. E. & W.	33 1/2
Pac. Mail	33
Pressed Steel com.	53
P. & R. all paid	18 1/2
Sou. Ry. com.	13 1/2
So. Pac.	38
T. C. & I.	92 1/2
U. S. Leather	11 1/2
U. S. Rubber com.	32
U. P. com.	48 1/2
Wabash	63 1/2
W. U.	83 1/2
W. U. Cable in Montreal	105 1/2

New York, March 7.—Money on call steady at 2 1/2 per cent; last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 1/2 to \$4.88 1/2 for demand, and at \$4.82 1/2 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.82 1/2 to \$4.84, and 4.87 1/2. Commercial bills \$4.15 to \$4.24.

Bar silver 59 1/2; silver certificates 59 1/2; 60 1/2; Mexican dollars 47 1/2.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Few Changes to Be Noted Locally This Week.

The past week has been marked by but few changes in the price of staples in the local markets. An abundance of good, fresh eggs is available at 25 cents, and with the approach of warm weather there will probably be a slight fall at an early date. Oranges, lemons and early vegetables are coming in from California and find a ready sale. Asparagus has put in an appearance and sells 3 lbs for 50 cents. Tomatoes bring the same price. The close season for game now being on none is offered for sale, so this has increased the demand for domestic fowl, but the prices remain the same. The fish stalls are glutted with smelts, great quantities not being caught.

The quotations follow:

Flour—	
Ogellie's Hungarian, per bbl.	5.25
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	5.25
O. K., per bbl.	4.75
Snow Flake, per bbl.	4.75
Calumet, Hungarian, per bbl.	5.00
Premier, per bbl.	5.00
XXX Enderby, per bbl.	4.75
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	28.00 to 30.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	27.00 to 28.00
Oats, per ton	26.00 to 27.00
Onion meal, per 10 lbs	40 to 50
Roller Oats (B. & K.), per ton	4
Roller Oats (B. & K.), 7 lb sack	30
Hay (baled), per ton	16.00 to 17.00
Straw, per bale	60 to 75
Middlings, per ton	21.00 to 22.00
Flour, per ton	20.00 to 21.00
Ground feed, per ton	24.00 to 25.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs	1.00 to 1.25
Carrots, per 100 lbs	1.00 to 1.25
Cauliflower, per bunch	10 to 15
Lettuce, 4 heads for	25
Carrots, per lb.	2
Turnips, per lb.	2
Celery, per bunch	15
Tomatoes, per lb.	10
Peas, per lb.	10
Onions, per lb.	5
Asparagus, per lb.	10
Fish—	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	20
Salmon (sprinkled), per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Oysters (Olympian), per pt.	50
Oysters (Eastern), per pt.	75
Crabs, per lb.	10
Halibut, per lb.	10
Herring, per lb.	5
Smelts, per lb.	5
Flounders, per lb.	10
Crabs, 3 for	25
Farm Produce—	
Eggs (Island), fresh, per doz	25
Butter (Delta creamery)	40
Best dairy	40
Butter (Cowland creamery)	40
Cheese (Canadian)	20
Lard, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	17 to 18
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	16 to 18
Bacon (American), per lb.	16 to 18
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	16 to 18
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	16 to 18
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12 1/2
Shoulders, per lb.	8 to 14
Beef, per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	12 to 18
Veal, per lb.	12 to 18
Pork, per lb.	10 to 15
Fruit—	
Bananas, per doz	30 to 35
Lemons (California), per doz	35
Lemons (small) per doz.	25
Apples, per lb.	5 to 6
Pears, 3 lbs for	25
Oranges (navels), per doz.	40
Nuts (all kinds), per lb.	20
Poultry—	
Dressed chicken, per pair	1.50 to 1.75
Ducks (Island), per pair	1.80 to 2.00
Ducks (Eastern) per pair	1.00 to 1.50
Turkeys (Island), per pair	2.00 to 3.00
Turkeys (Eastern), per lb.	18

Mid-Week Band Concert.—Last evening's promenade concert by the regimental band at the Drill hall brought out but four hundred or so of the citizens, although from an artistic standpoint it was one of the best in the series. Each of the "extra" Master J. H. Gordon in a solo for cello with little twelve year old Miss Lily Brooker as accompanist; Mr. A. T. Goward in a vocal solo, with violin obligato by Mr. E. A. Powell; and Mr. C. B. Pavett in a solo for violin, accompanied by Mr. E. H. Russell—all went more than well. Mr. Goward in particular surprising even the most ardent admirers of his voice and method in Mascaron's "For All Eternity." Mr. Finn's own descriptive arrangement, "Landscape," was unquestionably the most effective and popular of the band pieces, although some of the most famous selections from the work of Suppe, Tosti, Scharwenka, Buckmuhl, and Sousa were on the card. The great basket ball match between Seattle and Victoria is the special attraction for Saturday.

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THE WAR.

It will now be in order for some United States General to say, as Gen. Miles did after the surrender of Cronje, that the defeat of the Boers by Gen. Roberts yesterday is "an excellent thing for the Boers." If defeats are good the republics are being highly benefited these days.

The last victory of Lord Roberts indicates that the enemy is losing his nerve. If the pursuit is vigorously pressed many prisoners will probably be taken and a large number of men will be dispersed. The latter will not be likely to rejoin their commands. As near as can be gathered from the maps, Poplar Drift, where Roberts was to have his headquarters last night, is nearly half way between Kimberley and Bloemfontein. The maps show "Poplar Grove" as a village near the Modder, and presumably the Drift is in that neighborhood. This location is reconcilable with the despatches of the last two days. This is of interest because the despatches report the enemy as retreating to the north and east. Bloemfontein lies a little south of east from Poplar Drift, and hence the line of retreat taken seems to be away from the Free State capital.

Gen. Buller is moving up towards Van Rensselaer's Pass with a portion of his command. This pass can be easily defended, and he may find some difficulty in dislodging the enemy. There is no great reason for his seeking to do so at any great cost of life. By the most direct line it is 200 miles from the Pass to Bloemfontein. The railway goes as far as Bethlehem, which is about 70 miles from the Pass. From Bethlehem to the nearest point on the railway to Pretoria is about 100 miles across country in a direct line. If it is thought desirable to draw upon Buller's force to strengthen Roberts, the easiest way to do it would be by way of Durban and the sea to one of the ports in Cape Colony and thence by rail to the interior.

The object of the invasion of the Transvaal from Zululand is not very clear. It may be intended as a flanking movement against the enemy at Glencoe; but in the absence of any map showing Calais Hill, the point occupied, we can only guess at the situation.

PARTY LINES.

The Victoria Conservative Association will meet to-morrow night and one of the questions that will come up will probably be the advisability of introducing federal lines in the forthcoming contest. The Colonist sees no reason for altering its views on this subject. Indeed there are good grounds for being firmer than ever in them. One of the most important questions before the people of British Columbia is the eight hour law. This law met with the endorsement of the convention which declared for party lines and selected Mr. Charles Wilson as the standard bearer. We are unable to support any party which declares for the maintenance of that pernicious piece of legislation on the statute book without giving miners full liberty to contract themselves out of it. The same convention declared for the government ownership of railways. We opposed this at the time and we opposed it when Mr. Martin declared it to be a part of the policy upon which he intended to appeal to the people. Logically Mr. Wilson and those who stand with him on the New Westminster platform have more reason to come out in support of Mr. Martin than they have to oppose him, that is if platform mean anything.

We think also that it would be an unpatriotic thing for the Conservative party to seek to take advantage of a crisis in the affairs of the province to gain a partisan success. The interests at stake are too great to be used as gambits in the great game now in progress. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper was unquestionably right when he told the Vancouver Conservatives that it was necessary for the people of British Columbia to unite for good government.

The great provincial interests, the general prosperity and all the other things which depend upon the result of the forthcoming election affect Liberals as well as Conservatives, and there ought to be co-operation between those who see alike on the vital provincial issues. Just now these provincial issues are vastly more important than anything in the federal field, and are infinitely of greater importance than the tenure of office by any set of individuals.

artificial line of cleavage being established. If Mr. Martin declares for a fight on party lines, he will not command anything like the united Liberal support. He can be beaten out of sight in such a contest by those who hold with the Colonist that what British Columbia needs more than anything else is a settled policy of its own upon which all the great interests of the province can unite irrespective of how those who represent them stand in federal politics.

We hope that the Victoria Conservative Association will resolve to lay federal politics aside for the present, and if they determine to take part in the forthcoming election as an organized body they will do so in a subordinate relation to a popular movement in behalf of good business government.

There may be localities in the province where the contest will finally settle down to a square fight on federal party lines, but this ought not to influence the Victoria Conservatives, whose chief effort ought to be to see that everything is done that can be done to consolidate all those who are opposed to experimental legislation and desire to see the prosperous conditions which prevailed a year and a half ago restored. Such a step will have a profound effect all over the province.

THE NORTHERN TRADE.

The statement has been made that the northern trade is falling off and that Victoria especially is feeling the effect of the decrease. So far from this being the case, the fact is that the trade is better than ever and our merchants are receiving just as large a proportion as they ever did. The output of Klondike will doubtless be much larger this year than ever before, and while there is not likely to be a great rush of miners to Dawson, unless some new discoveries of importance are made there, there will be a large influx of people into other parts of the Yukon valley, including Atlin.

The origin of the statement above referred to is doubtless the great attention which the Cape Nome diggings are now receiving. This district is temporarily eclipsing the Yukon in the sensational newspapers, and will doubtless attract the greater part of those who mine in other people's pockets. But even this will contribute to the northern trade, for if the Nome diggings prove as rich as it is claimed they are, there will be a great tide of travel to them down the Yukon river, which will be open both earlier and later than any other route.

We do not desire to print anything of a boom character, but if the reports from the Big Salmon river, brought out last fall by the few people who went in and returned are corroborated by the news received when spring opens, there will be a rush of people to that part of the country, which, by the way, is in Canada and possibly in British Columbia, that will rival the original Klondike stampede, only it will be handled with the greatest ease by the White Pass & Yukon railway and the steamers on the lakes and river.

We await with great interest the result of development work in the copper deposits around White Horse rapids. If this proves equal to the promise of surface indications, we shall see immediately the establishment of great mining plants, which will lead to the building up of several towns.

Atlin will unquestionably take a new start this spring. There is nothing now to retard it except the alien exclusion law, and the effect of this will not be sufficient to prevent rapid progress.

We look for a better year than ever in connection with the trade of the Golden North.

MR. BROWN'S TERMS.

We learn that the statement in yesterday's Colonist, telegraphed from Vancouver, as to Mr. J. C. Brown and the Lieutenant-Governor is not quite accurate. Our Vancouver correspondent represented Mr. Brown as saying that the Lieutenant-Governor asked him if he were called on to form a cabinet would he accept Mr. Joseph Martin as attorney-general. He had answered that he would not. We are informed on the best authority that this is calculated to create an erroneous impression and that the facts are as follows: Mr. Brown and Mr. Martin were summoned simultaneously to Government House, the Lieutenant-Governor's intention being to ask Mr. Brown to accept the premiership. No stipulation was made that Mr. Martin should be attorney-general. The Lieutenant-Governor's reason in sending for Mr. Martin was because he understood that it was through his instrumentality that the defeat of the Semlin ministry had been brought about. During the course of the interview Mr. Brown produced a telegram from some friends in New Westminster in which he was told that if he became premier and Mr. W. B. McInnes was made attorney-general he could count upon the support of that district. On this being shown to the Lieutenant-Governor, the latter distinctly refused to assent to any such arrangement. We are not informed as to the reason why Mr. Brown and the Lieutenant-Governor failed to come to an agreement, and make no comment upon it, the only object of this reference being to state the facts as are now informed by authority that they existed at the time.

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A TRIUMVIRATE.

Martin—well, that's natural enough; Kellie—well, anything that Mr. Kellie may do will surprise nobody; but Kidd—the mild unassuming, child-like and bland Mr. Kidd, the Caesar's wife of the Semlin party, the supposed incarnation of guilelessness—to quote the language of the street, "Don't that beat you?"

The political morality of the agreement between this would-be triumvirate, and Mr. Martin's justification for breaking it are matters with which we shall not trouble ourselves this morning. What seems specially worthy of mention is that the existence of such an agreement furnishes the most convincing demonstration that the Semlin government was dismissed none too soon. It shows the improbability of any premier undertaking to carry on without an actual majority in the house.

There sat grave Mr. Semlin looking, like what was once said of Lord Eldon, "Wiser than any man has any business to be"; there sat sleek Mr. Cotton, with a reputation for cuteness extending over two legislatures—and the whole country was wondering all the while what they were going to do. But behind them, as sombre as a sphinx and almost as unsatisfied as a store that doesn't advertise, sat Mr. Kidd with the fate of the nation up his sleeve. We leave the merits of the business aside in order that this contribution to the safety of nations may stand out in all its excruciating uniqueness.

A MODEST BURDEN.

A few people yesterday declined to sign the railway petition because they feared the taxation which it would entail. Let us suppose that the subsidy to the proposed railway will be \$1,000,000. For interest and sinking fund this will entail a charge of \$40,000 a year. This distributed among the people of Canada would call for the payment of 8 mills per capita every year, or 40 cents in fifty years, when the loan would be taken up. The people of British Columbia would probably pay more than the others in proportion, for they do so in everything else in the way of federal taxes. They would probably pay two and a half cents a year or a dollar and a quarter in 50 years. This is the maximum per capita tax which a subsidy of a million dollars for a railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island would entail upon the people of this province. We do not wish to make any extravagant claim, but we venture to think that the benefit of such a railway would be worth at least 5 cents to each individual, or more than double his taxes.

This way of stating the case, though it sounds grotesque, is not only accurate, but it shows what an error it is to cry out against assistance to railways because of the taxation entailed by it. We do not feel the burden of taxation assumed for important public works which lead to the settlement of the country and the development of its resources. In the above calculation no account is taken of the increase of population, which will reduce the per capita contribution.

Some people have connected the Times' story about Mr. James J. Hill and a railway to Quatsino Sound with the statement in the Colonist that a wealthy and enterprising United States capitalist was interesting himself in the project. No such connection exists. The person to whom the Colonist referred, and to whom full details in regard to the Island were sent yesterday, is not Mr. Hill, nor is he in any way connected with Mr. Hill. The Times reproduces a despatch in which Mr. Hill is mentioned as associated with a road to Port Angeles. We do not know what there is in this, but there was certainly nothing in it when Mr. Cushing of the Port Angeles Eastern R.R. was here a few weeks ago. It would be a great thing for the Island if Mr. Hill would take the project up, but it is not well to jump at the conclusion that he is going to on the strength of a New York telegram, for Mr. Hill's plans are a favorite subject for Associated Press guesses.

A WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

Sir William Van Horne Describes His Visit to Cuba.

From the Montreal Witness.
"The pressure of travel" said Sir William Van Horne thoughtfully, as he watched the curling wreaths of smoke at the end of the train, "have been largely discounted by the perfection of photography, which gives you the effect without the trouble. You can sit in your room and open an album, and save trouble and expense. Perhaps one might complain that the photograph leaves nothing to the imagination. You know beforehand what you are going to see. The Riviera, for example, is all pictured for you. You know what your experience is going to be like. The photograph gives you everything, except, perhaps, the dirt, which is judiciously kept in the background."

It was different with Cuba, from which Sir William has just returned. Cuba is unique. You can photograph buildings, but the recuperative process of nature, working all silently, but effectively, cannot be shown forth upon these sensitized plates. Sir William had a notion in his mind of what he was going to see.

"And it was quite wrong," remarked the chairman of the board of directors of the C. P. R. "the actuality was quite different to anything I had anticipated." Yesterday Cuba was a vast desolation. To-day you would seek in vain for traces of the ravages of war amid scenes which are full of activity. The Spanish blockade is in evidence, indeed, but the rebel has turned policeman, and guard at the stations; and is civil, no, to say meek; proud of his position, with a chest that swells a little with the sense of official importance.

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Between The Marion Steam Shovel Company, Plaintiff; and The Port George Gold Dredging Company and The Pittsburg Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias is sued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of \$3,420.76 and \$7.00 for costs of operation, the dredge and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Kamloops; also a Dredging Leasehold, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River commencing at a point on said River about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.

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On the Californian.—Among the passengers on the Allan Line steamer Californian, which was wrecked shortly after leaving Portland, Me., on February 25, was Mr. Brownell, of Esquimalt.

Sale of Work.—A sale of work will be held at the Y. W. C. A. Rae street, on Friday afternoon next and all interested in the Women's Exchange are cordially invited to be present. A programme of music, etc., has been arranged.

Funeral Services.—The funeral of the late William Turpin, who died at the Jubilee hospital on Sunday, will take place this morning, the painters of the city having charge of the arrangements.

Imperial restaurant, corner of Douglas and View streets, Theatre Block, has now engaged a first-class French cook (late of the Hotel Metropole, London, Eng.) Dinner and supper parties a specialty.

Comforts For Soldiers.—The committee of ladies who have been industriously gathering comforts for the soldiers serving in South Africa, last evening shipped the goods to Halifax, where they will be loaded on the transport Milwaukee, which takes the Straits of Horse to Capetown. The shipment was a very large one, including articles of all descriptions.

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Claims for Sale.—At Dawson on July 2 there will be offered for sale all the claims and fractional claims now the property of the crown in the Yukon country. Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money is payable on the day of sale. A second sale will be held on August 2 to dispose of the claims not sold at the first sale.

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Judgment Reserved.—Argument was heard yesterday by the Full court on the appeal of the crown against the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake in reference to the succession duty on the estate of the late J. H. Todd. Judgment was reserved. In the Bank of British Columbia vs. Oppenheimer, the defendants appealed from an order of Mr. Justice Drake refusing a jury trial on the ground that at the time the application was made the pleadings were not settled and therefore it was premature. The appeal was dismissed.

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C. C. REVANS.

W. C. T. U.—A parlor meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dempster, Fernwood road, to-day.

Lenten Services.—In the Episcopal churches yesterday Lenten services were held in most cases largely attended.

For the Hospital.—The Junior Bachelors and Benefactors of Victoria have donated \$12.85 towards the Jubilee hospital children's ward.

The Police Court.—But one lone drunk put in an appearance at the police court yesterday morning. The usual fine was imposed.

Rambler Bicycles.—The 21-year-old wheels—Weiler Bros.

Old Shacks Going.—The old buildings on the Oliver property on Cornorant street, just above Government, which were condemned by the health authorities some time ago, are being torn down.

Secured Other Quarters.—Owing to the A. O. U. W. hall being occupied on the 15th instant, the committee appointed for the purpose have secured Alcazar hall, Pandora street, for the gathering of Workmen on that date.

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License Commissioners.—A meeting of the board of license commissioners will be held on Wednesday afternoon next at 2:30. It is not known if the resignation of Commissioner Brydon, forwarded to the government a few days ago, has been accepted.

St. John's Church.—At the second of the series of Lenten organ recitals, to be given on Sunday evening next, Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Mrs. F. Pemberton, Miss Edith Carter, and Mr. Horbert North, solo cornetist, Mr. Walter North.

A fellow once said: "I want some whiskey, and I want it bad"; so they didn't give him Jesse Moore.

Young Man's Death.—Alex. Donaldson, aged 28 years, a native of Scotland, died at the residence of Mr. Laurance, 124 Toronto street, yesterday evening. His funeral services were held at the residence of his brother and one sister, Mrs. Baillie, of Port Hancoy.

Death of Mrs. Redfern.—A death which caused mourning in many homes in Victoria occurred yesterday morning when Mrs. Martha Redfern, relict of the late C. E. Redfern and mother of ex-Mayor Charles E. Redfern passed to her long rest. The deceased lady, although close on 80 years of age, until a few weeks ago quite active and was frequently met taking for one of her age-long walks. Mrs. Redfern was born in London, Eng., and came to Victoria in 1869 with her two daughters—Mrs. Kurtz, still residing here, and Miss Redfern, who returned to England some years ago to join her son, the ex-mayor. There are four other sons, all successful business men in the Old Country. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 from the residence of Mr. C. E. Redfern, Bellevue street, and at St. John's church at 2:30.

If you travel, fish, hunt or play golf your constant companion should be Jesse Moore.

This Evening's Attraction.—One of the banner attractions of the season will be the engagement of Hoyt's "A Contented Woman" at the Victoria theatre to-night. "A Contented Woman," like all of Mr. Hoyt's plays, satirizes something, and the something this time is the much-talked-of "new woman," who thinks that in politics she is able to cope successfully with the sterner sex. How she goes to work and the success of her attempt is brought out with all the keen wit and native humor which are so characteristic of the American's greatest writer of farce-comedy. The cast, Mr. Hoyt claims, is the best possible, and contains such names as Belle Archer, Bonnie Lottie, Augusta De Forest, Arthur E. Buchanan, C. P. Morrison, Henrietta Lee, John L. Keeney, Edward Craven, Belle Chipendale, Will Granzer and a host of pretty girls, including the famous beauty trio late with "Jack and the Beanstalk."

He's an absent-minded beggar, And he's gone off to the front, And he's 'art is true to England to the core; But there's 'eaps of consolation For the ones 'e's left at 'ome. For they know 'is canteen's stocked with "Jesse Moore."

Young People Organize.—At a meeting of delegates appointed by the young people's societies of the various churches of the city, held in the Epworth League room of the Metropolitan church Tuesday night, it was decided to try to form a union having as its objects, first, the closer relationship of all young people; second, the interchange of views as to the best means of successfully carrying on the work of Christ; third, the preparation for organized effort for the purpose of securing better municipal government, and any other matters that may from time to time demand the attention of the union. A meeting is called for the purpose of organization on March 20 at 8 p.m. in the school room of the Metropolitan church. The following speakers have been chosen to address the meeting: Rev. J. C. Speer, Methodist; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Presbyterian; Rev. Mr. Vichert, Baptist; Rev. Dr. Wilson, Reformed Episcopal; Rev. Mr. Payne, Congregational. The officers will be elected at this meeting.

Cape Nome.—The newspapers are loud in their praise of the above place, and as a money-maker it is no doubt good; how to make money in Victoria is the thing; you can save money by buying your books and stationery from the Victoria news co., 86 Yates street, r. t. Williams, manager.



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Bubonic Plague

Near At Hand

Filthy Japanese Have Introduced the Curse of Asia to America.

Steamer Yosemite Runs Ashore—Preparations for the Northern Trade.

The people of the Pacific coast of America are face to face with a new danger in disease, and the health authorities of the continent with a new necessity for increased vigilance. Over at the Diamond Head quarantine station, about ten miles from Port Townsend (although completely isolated from that city) and less than seventy miles from Victoria, genuine bubonic plague has made its appearance under circumstances which point to the imperative urgency of watching every avenue of communication with the Oriental harbor of epidemic plague. It is by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship Nanyo Maru that the "curse of the East" has gained its first foothold on American soil, she having arrived at Port Townsend from Honolulu on January 30 last, to take four cargo for Japan. Her last previous charter had been for plantation emigrants from Japan for delivery at Honolulu, these coolies of the very lowest and filthiest type having on the voyage over been packed in the hold of the ship, where through sheer laziness and contempt for the laws of decency or health they literally wallowed in filth, which eventually found its way into the walls and bottom of the ship and converted her into a breeding place for pestilence. When she arrived at Diamond Head she was described as the dirtiest vessel that had ever come to America, and while she was detained so that the two cases of sickness she reported on arrival might be investigated, the sanitary conditions aboard became worse so rapidly that it was soon apparent that the vessel had to be virtually locked in order that she might be purified. Shortly after the Nanyo went into quarantine there was one death among her people, bearing all the symptoms chiefly of beriberi, a peculiarly Japanese affliction combining the typical characteristics of dropsy and of paralysis. The quarantine officer was, however, unwilling to rest upon this diagnosis according to the United States Health report issued from Washington, D.C., under date of February 23 and held the vessel and passengers to await bacteriological examination of some of the tissues of the dead body. The result of this examination gave the plague bacilli unmistakably, and the following message was sent to all the quarantine stations of America: "The Nanyo Maru, a vessel of the Pacific coast and the Gulf, and by letter to those of the Atlantic side: "Cases supposed to be beriberi on steamer arriving at Port Townsend on subsequent investigation proved plague. Proper precautions taken at beginning by Foster, hence no danger. This to put you on guard for proper diagnosis beriberi."

The Nanyo Maru is still held in the quarantine just over the Sound; there have thus far (to February 23) been seventeen cases and three deaths among her people. William Head station also has two cases of beriberi under recovery, but the identification of the disease as beriberi is here positive and complete.

LATE NEWS OF THE SEALERS.

Unfavorable Hunting Weather Continues But Catches Are Fairly Satisfactory.

Captain Daley of the sealing schooner Hattie has written home from Humboldt, Cal., under date of February 23, giving the news that the Hattie had then 181 skins. She had recently spoken the Favorite with 143, and had heard the report from the Umbria that that vessel had 300 odd. The weather had been very bad for sealing, and the catches are consequently good under the circumstances. Just as the Queen City, which arrived from the West Coast yesterday morning, was leaving Clayoquot, the sealing schooner Carlotta G. Cox entered that port, with 320 skins below hatches. She too reported rough weather. The Diamond Enterprise has arrived at Monterey, Cal., with 450 and 247 skins respectively.

THE NORTHERN TRADE.

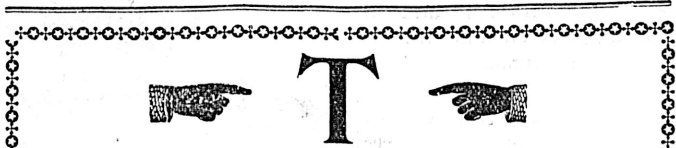
Through Rates to Dawson Will Be Much More Favorable to Shippers Than Heretofore.

In anticipation of an early opening of Yukon navigation, the great northern waterway being expected clear for steamers prior to the 24th of May, all of the companies operating in that direction are already making preparation for busy season, not a rush such as of a few years ago. During several days past Mr. S. M. Irwin, general traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon route, has been in Victoria, in consultation with the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Development Companies on the subject of through rates for both freights and passengers. A basis of agreement has already been arrived at, and it is expected that through traffic rates will be announced shortly that will be much more favorable to shippers than the prevailing rates heretofore. General Manager Hawkins of the railway company is expected here from Seattle to-day, when final arrangements will be made. The Canadian Development Company are also making ready with their fleet, the first contingent of officers and men for the operation of the Yukon steamers going up next week by one of the C. P. N. vessels, the C. D. Co. having determined to patronize the home company exclusively this season for Canadian business. It is expected that the abolition of the Horse Horse railway through the extension of the railway to that point will not only reduce the rates materially, but place travel to and from Dawson on a much more com-

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fortable basis than prevailed in past seasons. The Tees, of the C. P. N. flag, got away last night on her regular voyage to Skagway, intending to call at Vancouver and sail thence about two this afternoon. She is taking from Victoria a fair list of both passengers and freight. Mr. Turner Townsend's big consignment of Province cigars and a few of the best constructed dog sleighs ever carried north being included in the cargo. Among the passengers are Mr. and Mrs. Humm of Bennett, who have been spending their honeymoon "outside"; Captain Synthe, who will operate his own steamer between Dawson and Eagle City; R. Lakar, J. Pearson, G. H. Keyes, W. O. Robertson, and Turner Townsend, returning to Dawson; Captain C. N. Cox, of the steamer Sybil, returning with a party of seven to the Hootlinging, where the steamer has been in winter quarters; A. Murray, manager for the H. B. Co. at Port Simpson; Mrs. Morrison and her daughter, who are in business at Bennett; J. Hudson, J. Clements and a party of five.

FIRST STEAMER FOR NOME.

Many Passenger Bookings and Much Freight for the Comfortable "Alpha."

Captain J. D. Warren is still confident that his company's steamship Alpha, now receiving the finishing touches to her very complete overhauling, at Porter's wharf, will redeem her promises to be the first ship away for the Nome gold-fields, being announced to sail from Vancouver on the 3rd of April. She has a first-class accommodation for 250 passengers in the two classes, but will probably limit her bookings to 150, utilizing a considerable portion of her stowage space for light freight. Seven hundred tons of cargo will be taken, in which will be included a large variety of experimental shipments that are expected to bring fortune to the shippers, being of a nature to tempt the wealthy miners after a hard winter season out of touch with civilization. The great majority of the passengers, many of whom have already booked, are from Seattle. As already announced, Captain Warren will himself command for the trip, while Otto Bucholtz will be chief officer.

YOSEMITE IN DIFFICULTY.

The Veteran of the C. P. N. Fleet Goes on Coal Island in a Blinding Snowstorm.

A blinding snowstorm which came on toward midnight of Tuesday, while the veteran side-wheeler Yosemite was on her way up to Vancouver with a heavy freight, is held responsible for that well-known craft being piled up on the rocky shore of Coal Island, not far from Sidney, until the Island pressed on her way to the Terminal City some time after her sister liner's mishap, and succeeded in drawing her clear. The Yosemite's freight was cleared, and the Island stood by until almost 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Willapa arrived on the scene from Victoria with General Manager Vincent and other officials of the company aboard. The Yosemite in the meanwhile had been taking water, though not in such alarming quantities as to indicate that she is seriously damaged. It would have been easily possible for her to have steamed home, but it was thought best for her to go on the nearest suitable beach and be inspected and patched, the beaching being arranged for high tide last night. To-day the steamer will return to Victoria, and she will go on the ways for such repairs as may be necessary Saturday. In the meantime the pumps are quite sufficient to keep down the water in the hold, and Captain Warren requires no assistance. On Tuesday the Yosemite had a preliminary experience with the rock at the turn from the inner harbor into the ocean dock, which she grazed while on her way to William Head to tender on the Empress of India.

GOSSIP OF THE WATERFRONT.

Numerous Laden Craft About Due from English Ports—The Sebastian Bach Out of Luck.

Steamer Cottage City, of the P. C. S. Co.'s northern fleet, is this morning fully due from Alaska ports.

The Walla Walla arrives from San Francisco to-morrow evening, and the Queen sails south the following day. The Canada-bound British ship Achernah, one of the largest and most modern sailing vessels to visit Victoria in recent years, is 140 days out from Liverpool with general cargo for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.

Among the in-bound sailers from the old country are the Elginshire, 112 days on the way from Liverpool with general merchandise, and the Shandon and Rudlin Castle, both from Cardiff with loads for the navy—the former being 73 days out yesterday and the Rudlin Castle fifty-three.

Ship Sebastian Bach has met with such rough weather on her voyage from Japan to take lumber at the Chemainus mills that she has been forced to put in to

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Children and Vaccination

Some Trouble Anticipated Owing to Refusal of Parents to Comply With Order.

Protest by a Correspondent—Penalty Which Follows Disobedience.

The local board of health is experiencing to the full the difficulty which was anticipated when the provincial board of health by order-in-council instituted compulsory vaccination among the school children throughout the province. The parents of many children attending the schools have absolutely refused to have their children vaccinated; and if the penalty clauses embraced in the act is enforced to the letter there will be some lively kicking after the expiration of the time-limit on Monday next.

Penal clause (sec. 94, Health Act) provides that any person who violates any regulation of the provincial board shall, unless it is otherwise specially provided, be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the convicting court.

A great many parents refuse absolutely to permit their children to be subjected to the preventive inoculation, claiming that aside from the prejudices which they hold against the practice, the recent order passed is obviously absurd as a precautionary measure, pointing out that even with all the school children vaccinated the danger of the spread of the disease, if it got a foothold, would not be lessened, owing to adults being allowed to go unvaccinated.

However, city physicians during the past ten days have been busy decorating the arms of a large number of school children, and as a consequence numerous little ones are in the throes of a sickness which in a few instances have proved most malignant.

A sample of the complaints made by those who are opposed to the vaccination theory is contained in the following letter handed to the Colonist yesterday:

Sir: I am told that I cannot send my boy to the public school unless I inoculate him with the disease of a cow, to prevent him from spreading smallpox.

Now, Mr. Editor, will you kindly tell me whether school children congregating in an airy room, under a competent teacher who looks after the ventilation of the room, are more likely to spread disease than the hundreds of men who congregate nightly at our three variety theatres, which I am sure are not as well ventilated as our schools? Now if vaccination be a safeguard against smallpox, why not vaccinate such men for the safeguard of their children?

COMMON SENSE.

Victoria, March 7.

PERSONAL.

H. L. Bates, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

E. A. Hickmore went East this morning by the Islander and C. P. R.

Capt. Smythe, R.N., leaves for Liverpool by the C. P. R. this evening.

W. F. Hays and W. D. Wood, both of Seattle, are guests at the Grand.

W. R. Robertson, M. P. P., for Cowichan, registered at the Victoria yesterday.

John Faull, curator of the provincial museum, is confined to the house by illness.

O. R. Loomis, of the circulation department of the Seattle P-L, is a Dominion guest.

J. H. Escolme and Mrs. Escolme have left for the Old Country, going East by the Canadian route.

George A. Smith and family, of Alberni, returned yesterday from Scotland and are at the Victoria.

Miss Wrigglesworth left this morning for Fernie, East Kootenay, where her two brothers are residing.

John Bell, who has been confined to the house for some days through illness, is again able to be about.

T. T. Williams, of San Rafael, business manager of the San Francisco Examiner, is a guest at the Hotel Grand.

D. Rabbitt, of Armstrong, the representative of the Okanagan Flouring Co., is spending a few days at the Dominion.

Commander Simpson, with Mrs. Simpson and family, have arrived from England, and are making their home at the Imperial.

J. A. Huggins, of the Victoria Lumber Co., arrived from the East yesterday morning and immediately proceeded to Cleburn.

Ernest Willis, manager of the "Countdown" company, now filling a three nights' engagement at A. O. U. W. hall, is at the Dominion.

H. L. T. Galbraith, the pioneer of East Kootenay, formerly a member of the legislature, now Indian agent, is a guest at the Imperial.

Frank E. Starr, representing Starr & Nichol's "Who is Who" company, next Monday's attraction at the local playhouse, is at the Hotel Grand.

A. H. Macneil and M. G. Abbott, barristers of Rossland; E. P. Davis, Q.C., of Vancouver, and E. M. Yarwood, barrister, of Nanaimo, are at the Grand.

Moses McGregor, of Port Hughes, the rising settler on the West Coast, arrived in Victoria yesterday on a brief visit. Mr. McGregor reports the outlook for the coming season as cheering.

H. C. Elliott, of Kaslo, who has been superintending the construction of a river steamer for use on the Duncan by the company operating the Kaslo & Slocan railway, is a guest at the Dominion. He is here to buy material.

A CARD.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a twenty-five cent bottle of Dr. Williams' English Pills, if, after using three-fourths of contents of bottle, they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that four bottles will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Williams' English Pills are used.

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D. E. Campbell, chemist, cor. Fort and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C.

Moore & Co., druggists, Yates street, Victoria, B. C.

Wm. Jackson & Co., chemists, Victoria, B. C.

LOCAL NEWS.

A Good Show.—Manager Johnson is to be congratulated on the splendid show that he is giving at the Lyceum theatre this week. Besides Adie and her lions, who give a performance the equal of which has never been seen here, a series of animated pictures are presented. The pictures are all new and are particularly good ones. The bull fight, lasting fully fifteen minutes, is the best animated picture that Victorians have had the opportunity to see. Besides these two strong attractions a number of bright specialties are on the boards this week.

Rag-Time Operatic Comedy.—It is under the title of "Countdown 400—a rag-time operatic comedy" that Manager Ernest Willis introduces a decidedly clever company of entertainers for three nights at the A. O. U. W. hall this week, the engagement opening yesterday evening, when it is safe to say those who were there were abundantly satisfied with their ticket investment. The company claims nothing more than to give a musical, dancing, joking two hours, at which the public may enjoy a pocketful of laughs, hear a score or more of the very latest coon songs and choruses as the authors and introducers of this popular class of melodies sing them, and see such dancing as can only be done by the feet of those with real "down south" blood in their veins. The play (no one connected with the show calls it by any name so dignified) is for the most part a series of sketches, and thus suffices. The music, and notably the solos of Miss Mamie Blanton and the Black Bostonians quartette, is decidedly above the average of touring colored companies; while the handling of "Swanee River" by Miss Blanton may honestly be described as more satisfying and appreciable than Emma Nevada's rendition of the same here only a few weeks ago. Will Humphrey, in bango specialties; Kelly and Yeager, more particularly the member of the firm with the step-ladder architecture and original eccentric style, are first class in their electric dancing; and Charles Arnold introduces some rare funniness—his jokes, like the great majority of those launched during the performance, being notable for a genuine wit and their extreme distance from even the borderland of suggestiveness or vulgarity. "Countdown 400" may be commended as a particularly clean show—and a bright and pleasing one. It holds the Yates street house for the remainder of the week.

HANDBALL.

International Match at J. B. A. A.

The J. B. A. A. announce an international handball match to be played in their gymnasium on Saturday next at 3 p.m. The contestants will be the J. B. A. A. and the Seattle Athletic Club, and this will be the first handball match the former have played. The Bays will be represented by Mr. B. K. Cusley, who for four years captained the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. handball team, and Mr. J. C. Thomson, the well known Winnipeg hockey player.

The Seattle team are reputed experts, and the Bays will have hard work to beat them; but hope to give a good account of themselves. All members are invited to attend and bring their friends.

RACQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

Montreal, March 7.—Eustis Myles, representing the Tuedo Club of New York, won the Canadian racquet championship today from F. F. Roland, of Montreal, defeating him easily in three straight games, 15-3, 15-2, 15-6.

WAR NOTE.

The following are the first and last verses of Mr. Arthur Harter's poem, "The Women of England," which Mrs. Campbell is reciting. It will be published at 15, and copies will be sold for the benefit of the funds for the soldiers' and sailors' families Association:

A word for the women of Britain
Why bid their beloved "Good-bye";
The husbands, the brothers, the sons who go forth
To fight, and to conquer, or die.
A word for the women of Britain
Who part with the friend they have lost,
And fighting their fears, smile up through their tears
When he too goes out with the rest.

The gentle are helping the simple—
Love and sympathy level all pride—
And hearts find relief in the union of grief,
When the men fight and die side by side;
All the women of Britain are equal,
For the men were alike in the fray;
And the rich and the poor are just sisters
In the hearts of the nation to-day.

THE FRONTIER LINE.

What marks the frontier line?
Thou man of India, say!
Is it the Himalayns sheer,
The rocks and valleys of Cashmere,
Or India as she seeks the south
From Attoch to the fabled mouth?
"Not that! Not that!"
Then answer me, I pray!
What marks the frontier line?

What marks the frontier line?
Thou man of Burma, speak!
Is it traced from Mandalay,
And down the marches of Cathay,
From Bhamo south to Kiang-mai,
And where the buried rubies lie?
"Not that! Not that!"
Then tell me what I seek:
What marks the frontier line?
What marks the frontier line?
Thou Afrikaner say!

Is it shown by Zulu kraal,
By Drakensberg or winding Vaal,
Or where the Shire waters seek
Their outlet at Mozambique?
"Not that! Not that!"
There is a surer way
To mark the frontier line.

What marks the frontier line?
Thou man of Egypt, tell!
Is it ached on Luxor's sand,
Where Karnak's paluted pillars stand,
Or where the river runs between
The Ethion and Bishareen?
"Not that! Not that!"
By neither stream nor well
We mark the frontier line.

"But be it east or west,
One common sign we bear,
The tongue may change, the soil, the sky,
But where your British brothers lie,
The lonely cairn, the nameless grave,
Still fringe the flowing Saxon wave."
"Is that?" "Is where?"
They beckon the men who plead it there,
"That marks the frontier line!"

—A. Conan Doyle in Indian Witness, April 3, 1890.

Above all things don't become a drunkard; use whiskey moderately and use the best. Jesse Moore "AA" is the purest facturers.

Women's Work For Hospital

Attention Directed to the Work of Beautifying the Grounds.

Necessities Provided and a Balance of Cash Is Still on Hand.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, Royal Jubilee Hospital, took place on Tuesday at the Driford hotel. There were present, the president, twenty members of the society and the secretary-treasurer. After the usual business the report of the month's work was read as follows: Work has progressed quietly during the past month. The garden has been the chief care, and will continue to be so until Easter. The Daughters of Pitt voted seven dollars and a half for the purchase of seeds—both flowers and vegetables—which have duly arrived and are being utilized. Many windows have been filled with boxes; also the pots, boxes and stands in the corridor have been repainted at the expense of one of their members. Glass for two frames has also been provided by them and some large pictures—presented by Mrs. Stadthagen—framed for the prospective children's ward. Mrs. Lawrence Goodacre has given boxes and through her kindly mention some flower shelves have been promised for the corridor windows.

There still remains about one half of the reserve stock of linen to be provided and made; and applications for this work will be thankfully received by the secretary on any Friday between the hours of noon and 5 p.m., or by mail. Work has been undertaken during the past month by Mrs. Charles Vernon, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, and Mrs. Price, Cowichan Lake. Mr. Frank Higgins, chairman of the Native Sons forwarded a check for \$10 on behalf of that society for the use of the accommodations provided by the Woman's Auxiliary in the assembly rooms as by agreement.

Some small needs in the matter of crockery and some cretonne for screens have been supplied this month, and the matron asks for four dozen table napkins as soon as convenient and sufficient cretonne for another screen.

The concert given by Professor Wickens in aid of "Lawson Tait" beds for the female ward was a pronounced success. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Thomas Brooker for her able and successful canvassing on this behalf. A sum amounting to \$171.25 has been handed to your treasurer for these beds, which will be provided immediately.

TRBASURER'S ACCOUNT.
Cash in hand March 6.....\$51 75
Collected by Mrs. Hasell.....2 00
Collected by Mrs. Kraft.....2 50
Collected by Miss Harvey.....2 00
Donated by Miss MacKay.....6 00
Cheque (Mr. F. Higgins).....10 00
Donated by Mr. Frank Wollaston.....10 00
Total.....\$84 25

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The visiting committee, Mrs. T. J. Jones and Mrs. Redfern, next presented a very satisfactory report, saying that they had visited the hospital, being kindly met by Miss Grady, the matron, who escorted them through the wards. The only complaint made to them being the same as that made to Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Iykert last month, on account of there being no proper accommodation at present for children in the hospital. This committee again urged the providing of a children's ward as soon as possible, and expressed their pleasure and satisfaction at the cleanliness, order, and general management of the Jubilee hospital. These reports being adopted, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Brooker and Professor Wickens, and to the visiting committee. The ladies then decided to give two "At Home" (dancing) at the Assembly rooms on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 19th and 20th, that on the Friday evening being especially intended for children and young people. Tickets for Thursday evening will be \$1, and on the children's night entrance will be 50 cents as on previous occasions. Light refreshments will be provided and a good musical programme secured. All members of this society are begged to assist in making these evenings a success. The proceeds are to go towards the working income of the Auxiliary Society, which has suffered a severe strain in this its inaugural year.

The meeting then adjourned.

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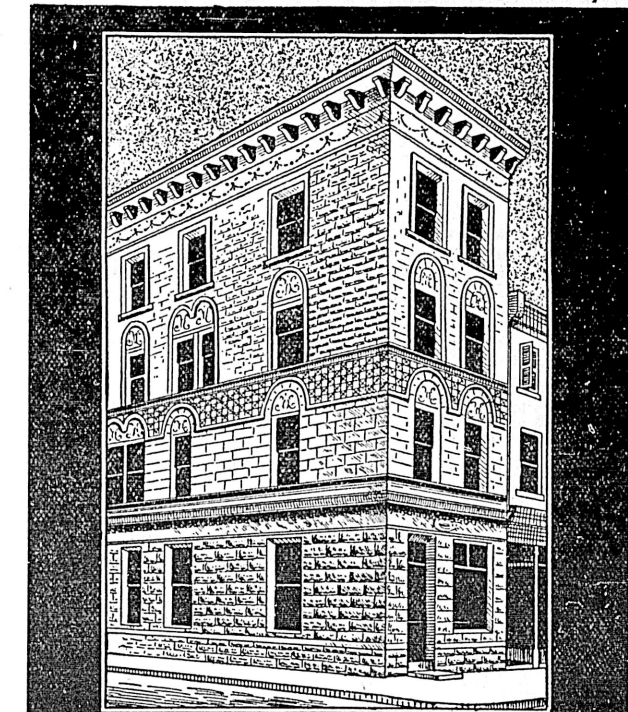
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